

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 73

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Campbell family
on the selection of their farm, the Cleburne
Jersey Farm, as a Tennessee Century Farm.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to honor and recognize those exceptional farming families who, through their dedication to the ancient and esteemed vocation of agriculture, have made significant contributions to their respective communities and to this State; and

WHEREAS, the Campbell family of Maury County certainly ranks among those estimable Tennessee farming families; the Cleburne Jersey Farm, owned and operated by the Campbell family for well over a century, has been named a Tennessee Century Farm; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Century Farms Program was created by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture in 1975 in celebration of the nation's bicentennial, and the program is now administered by the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, the program is designed to recognize those families who have owned and farmed the same land for over a century, and also to document and interpret the State's history and culture of farming; and

WHEREAS, started in 1878 by importing cattle directly from the Isle of Jersey, Cleburne Jersey Farm in Spring Hill, Tennessee, is the oldest herd of registered Jersey cattle in the United States; and

WHEREAS, McCoy Clemson Campbell first purchased farm land in Maury County on October 7, 1874; and

WHEREAS, the Campbell family has raised a wide variety of crops and livestock on the Cleburne Jersey Farm over the years, including Jersey dairy cattle, beef cattle, hogs, sheep, mules, horses, poultry, corn, tobacco, hay, garden vegetables, wheat, and soybeans; and

WHEREAS, today, the farm consists of 416 acres, which includes the 256-acre original purchase McCoy Campbell made back in 1874; and

WHEREAS, Pat Campbell, great-great-grandson of McCoy Campbell, carries on the long family tradition of milking Jersey cattle; and

WHEREAS, besides their involvement with the family farm, John and Pat Campbell have been involved in Maury County agriculture in other ways: both have served as President of the Maury County Farm Bureau and from 1963 to 2006, they ran a dairy equipment business that serviced the region's dairy farms; and

WHEREAS, Pat Campbell is the owner of Cleburne Farm Supply, which sells equipment to local farmers; and

WHEREAS, the Maury County community and the State of Tennessee are undoubtedly better places to live thanks to the Campbell family and their venerable farm; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State, the strength of its communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of families like the Campbells, who have demonstrated a deep respect for tradition and hard work and a love for the land; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the Campbell family, whose Cleburne Jersey Farm has been designated a Tennessee Century Farm, commend them for their dedication to the vocation of agriculture, and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.